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TO: HPOA Board of Directors

When we were at the July 30 meeting of the CA BIDS (this was the homeless forum I helped to organize) there was a speaker there from the League of CA Cities who brought to our attention legislation that was moving rather effortlessly through the legislature which would accommodate people who want to sleep in their vehicles on the city streets, and significantly limit the ability of local government to regulate such behavior. It passed the assembly, and appears to be heading to passage in the Senate next week, and then would head to the Governor's desk.

The CDA is mobilizing a statewide alert to generate letters to the legislative leadership.

Because this bill came up so fast, we do not have a formal HPOA position on this, so I cannot write a letter on BID letterhead. However, I plan to write a personal letter and would ask each of you to do the same, and tailor this to speak to any concerns you might have as a business person.

The letter (you can click into a word template below) should be addressed to our two state senators (send hard copy in mail AND fax) – and as you can see, they are asking that you fax a cc: to key members of the legislative leadership, including the Governor.

This is in the similar vein to the Right to Rest Act, and, of course, would be hugely detrimental to public health and safety in business districts and neighborhoods throughout the state.

Kerry

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August 14, 2015

Message from the President

[http://files.ctctcdn.com/74e49266001/d76527cf-0c60-4956-a2ae-cad82215e300.jpg]URGENT ACTION NEEDED!

Dear CDA Member: As you know CDA along with member BIDs have been at the forefront of homelessness education and fighting for resources in California. Over 100 BIDs and others attended our recent Homelessness Policy Forum in Los Angeles.

Another misguided legislative attempt to deal with homelessness has been proposed by Assembly Member (AM) Kansen Chu as AB718, right to rest and habitate. It essentially gives anyone an apparent right to live indefinitely in a vehicle on public or private property not controlled by parking regulations.

This bill may be heard as early as Monday and is only a Senate/Assembly hearing away from going to the Governor's Desk for signature into law. Time is of the essence!!

We are asking you to please write a letter on your letterhead to your California AM or Senator using the template below to OPPOSE this. A copy of the CDA opposition letter sent Wednesday is also available for viewing.

Letter Template: Oppose AB 718<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001o7xHGKGkk73ThxuWiPvTQi8iNhXURPUBYSBr2sOtZMcZo-SXguWodY2t2SsLqq7OlJB249oZsB2mYrutmKHGVW8y71HZ9rFiWcjZJ5fXG8JApk4QIqM5-Z6bBUgHkBPZifiQaIJhSM8H2LSb6NRXOfVOWbVZxE6IK94k4gAiCWOawbIuWFCpbfZgz-DqHLKTL_-ywa3ATUrDo6fX9V0UXgGKLmYx1xPJnLTWhcAqZepoXCM10UxAbwPXH9GDO6GqfndLCJ-8U43-m1mER59w6g==&c=37svfehbIhq5dIRq41w1qkisIsIuRi0a_1Kxz9aec4Kz_WSLBiiPnQ==&ch=078Ue5EdwEWQZAerbiWEgKV0J9kjTvtPyP3UURPIRDXRFheYuyzaMg==>

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Note letters have to be faxed as AMs or senators do not have direct e-mail addresses. Fax numbers are included at the end of the template but you have to look up the fax for the specific AM or senator to whom you are sending the letter.

Summary of the proposed bill: State Assembly Bill 718 (the Removal of Regulatory Authority regarding Vehicles Used for Human Habitation), permits continuous habitation in a vehicle lawfully parked on public or private property. The bill expressly preempts the enactment of local ordinances designed to regulate human habitation in vehicles, would have significant adverse effects on local communities, and would disempower law enforcement in the face of security concerns.

Further, sanitation issues will abound if people are permitted to reside in vehicles in areas not meant for human habitation that lack adequate restrooms.

Warm Regards,
Lauren Schlau
President, California Downtown Association
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